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Dear Lakes Basin Project Interested Party,

The Beckwourth District would like to thank you for your input regarding the Lakes Basin Project. A prevalent theme from the two public meetings and written comments received was the interest in expanding the trail system in the Lakes Basin area. After further discussion with the Beckwourth interdisciplinary team, it was determined that the recreation need was timely and distinctly different from the purpose of the larger project regarding forest health. Due to these reasons we have decided to remove the recreation component from the larger Lakes Basin Project and make recreation and trails its own smaller project. This will be beneficial in two ways. One, the NEPA for this smaller project can be completed in late spring 2016 as opposed to waiting for the completion of the larger project two years from now. Secondly, it will refocus the larger Lakes Basin Project on ecological restoration.

The Beckwourth District has determined that adding trails and expanding parking lots can be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement. The trail analysis is scheduled to be completed late spring 2016, as weather allows, to finalize survey work and develop a phased implementation schedule. A copy of the decision memo will be mailed to our mailing list of all interested parties to notify users of the trails to be added to the National Forest Trail System. In addition, all written comments received specific to trails will be posted online along with their responses.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Kyla Sabo at (530) 836-7157. If you have additional comments please send written comments to Beckwourth District Ranger, Deb Bumpus c/o Kyla Sabo Beckwourth Ranger District, PO Box 7, Blairsden, CA 96103. Comments may be submitted by FAX (530-836-0493) or by hand-delivery to the Beckwourth Ranger District Office, during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm). Electronic comments may be submitted to: [kylasabo@fs.fed.us](mailto:kylasabo@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Carol Thorton Acting District Ranger for*

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District Ranger

